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APPLICANTS : Shimkets and Prayaga

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for replying to the September 17, 2002, Final Office Action. With the extension, the present papers are due on or before March 17, 2003.

A check is enclosed to cover the \$465.00 Petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3). The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference no. 15966-557 (CURA-57). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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